employees of long term extra mural projects of ICMR, including National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB), which have been in existence for several years. To consider the question of grant of permanency or otherwise to such projects, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Harcharan Singh was set up by the ICMR. The recommendations of the Committee were considered by the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of the ICMR who referred the matter to a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rudrappa. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee have since been endorsed by the Governing Body of the Council. This issue is expected to be settled after a decision is taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Rudrappa Committee/Governing Body of ICMR.

New CGHS Dispensary Building in NOIDA

959. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have purchased land in Sector 11/12 in Noida for construction of building for CGHS dispensary;

(b) if so, what is the status of progress and by when construction is likely to be completed; and

(c) whether new CGHS dispensary is meant for retired/serving Central Government emplyees of Sectors 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 55 and 56; if not, whether present dispensary functioning in Sector 36 is likely to be shifted to new proposed place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To avoid any unauthorised encroachment on the allotted plot, a boundry wall has been constructed by the CPWD. The construction of the CGHS building will be taken up in future subject to the availability of funds.

(c) The CGHS dispensary when constructed will be meant for both

eligible retired and Central Govt. employees residing in whole of the area of Noida but the domiciliary visit facility will be restricted to 4 Kms. radius. The existing CGHS dispensary will be shifted in new premises after the CGHS building has been constructed.

Administration of DGHS

960. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the purchase of medicines of about Rs. 30 to 40 crores per annum made by the Medical Stores Department of DGHS and the salary paid to its employees amounting to about 20-25 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government have a proposal to reduce the strength of DGHS or to check the stock of Medical Stores as stock of crores of rupees is lying unconsumed and out-dated; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The details of materials purchased and salary paid during the last three years is as given below:

(Rs. In crores)

Year	Material Purchased	Salary Paid
1996-97	150.00	7.50
1997-98	110.00	10.14
1998-99	46.41	11.63

(b) and (c) Regular monitoring and inspection of Medical Stores Depots, Purchase of proprietary drugs only against confirmed demands, and maintaining of buffer stocks of only fast moving